

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 8th May 2011

Up-Coming IRTS Contests

1. CW Field Day Sat 4th/ Sun 5th June 2011. Log to be submitted by July 5th.

Calling all active VHF and Higher operators we are trying to get the 2010 Squares table finalized on IRTS.ie. So can anyone that was active on the VHF bands last year please send your Square totals or your log and I can work it out for you to EI2GLB /at/ hotmail / dot/.com. To see the squares table go to www.irts.ie and click on vhf/uhf/shf on the right side of the home page.

ComReg Spectrum Strategy

ComReg recently published a consultation paper entitled 'Review of the period 2008-2010 and Proposed Strategy for Managing the Radio Spectrum: 2011-2013'. The document is ComReg Document 11/28 and is available on the Publications section of the ComReg website at www.comreg.ie. The Society will be submitting a response to the document which must be with ComReg before 24 May. Anyone who wishes to have observations included in the Society's response should forward them as soon as possible to Sean EI7CD at ei7cd / at /gofree/dotindigo/dot/ie. While anyone may respond to ComReg public consultations it has been indicated to us by ComReg that a single response relating to the amateur service would be preferable.

Theory Examination

The next theory examination for the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate (HAREC) will be held on Thursday, 7 July next at 2.00 p.m. in the ComReg offices in Dublin. The examination may also be held on that day at other centres if warranted by the number of candidates.

Full details, including entry procedure and examination fee, are available at www.irts.ie/exam

Introduction to Amateur Radio the practical way

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network plan on holding a series of practical, hands

on, open days throughout the summer months, commencing Sunday May 8th. The events will start at 13.00 approx (weather permitting) and will take place on the following dates: Sunday May 8th Sunday June 12th Sunday July 10th Sunday August 14th Sunday September 11th Anyone with an interest in radio related matters, who would like to have the opportunity to participate or observe the operation of an amateur radio station, or meet club members, will receive a warm welcome. Whatever you're level of interest, the club will be pleased to help in taking your interest further, be it a complete novice, shortwave listener or formal assistance in progressing to a full amateur radio licence.

The locations will be chosen in the Mid Mayo area in order to encourage attendance from all parts of the County or further afield. If you would like further details including full details of locations please contact: Padraic Baynes EI9JA on 0876957154 (email pbaynes1/at/ eircom/ dot/net) , email David Hatfield EI3ECB on ei3ecb/ at/gmail/dot/com or text or phone the club mobile phone number 086 20 89 777

CASHOTA Ireland and UK Activity Weekend

There will be a weekend of activity for CASHOTA Uk and CASHOTA Ireland from 1 am Saturday the 28th of May until 11:59 pm Sunday the 29th of May. The event is open to anyone who wishes to activate a Castle or Stately Home. If you wish to activate a Castle or Stately Home please check out the CASHOTA Ireland site cashota-ireland.org/ for more details and how to get a number for your Castle. Please contact Steve EI5DD as soon as possible with details and a small paragraph of information about the castle concerned along with WAI square and county and this will be promoted on the CASHOTA website. This promises to be a good weekend for portable activity and if you have never tried it before here is a good opportunity. Maybe you could get your Radio Club interested in participation.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The Shannon Basin Radio Club will be taking part in the Mills on the air weekend on the 14th and 15th May. They will be operating from Elphin Windmill in Co. Roscommon and using the call EI2EWM. Everyone is welcome to turn up over both days and enjoy the tour of the beautiful restored windmill as well as operating a special event station.

2011 – Year of the outer space in Kazakhstan

UN – Special Event stations UN50, UO50, UP50, UQ50 will be active in Kazakhstan from April/2011 to May 31/2011 - of 50th Anniversary of the first human flight to outer space.

UN 50 SK - UN7GWC UO 50 G - UN2G UP 50 F - UN7FW UP 50 YG - UN7Z UQ 50 G - UN6QC UQ 50 L – UN7LZ UQ 50 P – UN7PL UP 50 ASTR – UN6GK UP 1 ASTR – UN0GL

Many special stations will be active in CQM Contest and UNDX Contest. To commemorate this event Kazakhstan information website "UN Amateur Radio News" together with Almaty Amateur Radio League have established a special award – “The Columbus of the Cosmos”.

un-dx.ucoz.com/index/yuri_gagarin/0-36

Russia Sign Up to CEPT Licence

Russia has become the latest nation to sign up to the pan-European CEPT licensing agreement. According to the IARU Region 1 website, the Russian State Radio Frequencies Commission decided in March that the Russian Federation would join both the CEPT and ECC Recommendation. This will make it possible for every CEPT licence holder to operate on the territory of the Russian Federation. There are a few caveats. Among them is that Russia will only permit such CEPT operation by a foreign station for a limit of three months, without any additional permission needed. Also, the call sign to be used in CEPT operations will be RA followed by the foreign amateur's personal call letters.

The Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club

The Mid Ulster Amateur Radio club will be holding a foundation course over one weekend towards the end of May. The course is open to anyone who wishes to take the first step on the Amateur radio ladder. If interested you must attend the registration night on Wed 4th May from 7.30pm til 8.30pm at the place initiative, address pk, portadown, bt62 3tp. more details can be found at www.muarc.com or by contacting Martin MI0YMF on 02832852712

The Mid Ulster Amateur Radio club will be holding its monthly meeting today the 8th May 2011 at 3pm, in Brownlow Resource Centre, Brownlow Road, Craigavon, bt65 5dl. Both Members and visitors are welcome.

The annual rally will be held on Sunday 22nd May. If anyone wishes to book a table

or for more information, then please contact Brian 2I0TCA (Rally Coordinator) at cqmuarc/ at/ gmail/ dot/ com or via www.muarc.com

DX News

Special prefixes will be used in Kazakhstan until the end of May to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first manned space flight by Yuri Gagarin in 1961. Calls to look out for are UN50SK, UO50G, UP1ASTR, UP50ASTR, UP50F, UP50YG, UQ50G, UQ50L and UQ50P.

To celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the Club Radio Amateur de Quebec a special event callsign VC2CQ85 will be aired during the month of May. QSLs go via VE2CQ.

Another special callsign will be active from now until 20 May. This will be in Azerbaijan when the call 4JV3AM will be used to celebrate the 66th anniversary of the end of World War 2 and to honour the Azerbaijani hero Mamish Abdullayev.

Fred PA1FJ will be QRV as SV5/PA1FJ/P from the Island of Karpathos in the Dodecanese Islands until 14 May. This one counts as EU-001 for the IOTA programme and QSLs go via Fred's home call.

Macquarie Island is one of the rarer DXCC entities and in recent times there has been some activity from Kevin VK0KEV. The good news now is that Kevin will be joined by Denis ZL4DB who will be active from there as VK0/ ZL4DB until late July. Denis is new to DXing and will only be able to operate during his spare time.

CQ WPX Contest

Axel, EI8JX has received recognition by winning first place in the 2010, CW , World Wide WPX Contest for the single OP lower power 20 metres. He scored a total of 55,848 points. Congratulations.

Incursions into the 28mhz Band

Illegal church broadcasts have been heard on 28.265MHz in Germany and members are requested to listen on this frequency in order to identify the location. Please contact Ger McNamara EI4GXB IARUMS Co-ordinator on 087 2532512 or ei4gxb/ at/gmail/dot/com with any reports.

Limerick Radio Club

Limerick Radio Club will meet next Thursday evening 12 May in the Limerick Institute of Technology at 7.30pm and all are welcome to attend.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society

The Annual General meeting of Dundalk Amateur Radio Society was held on Wednesday May 4th at QTHR. The following members have been elected to officer positions. Chairman is Thos EI2JD, Secretary is Aidan EI7JC, Treasurer is Jim 2I0SBI, PRO is Anthony Murphy EI2KC, QSL Manager is Brian EI9GTB. Club website is www.ei7dar.com

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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